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PRICE STABILISATION FUND
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up a Price Stabilisation Fund and Market Intervention Plan for all Agricultural products as recommended by the national Commission on Farmers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the said fund is likely to be set up?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) to (c) : The National Commission on Farmers, in its Revised Draft National Policy for Farmers has recommended the establishment of Market Price Stabilization Fund jointly by Central and State Governments and financial institutions to protect farmers during periods of violent fluctuations in prices. The Commission has also recommended that the Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) should respond speedily to exigencies, specially in the case of sensitive crops in the rainfed areas. The recommendations of the National Commission on Farmers have been examined in consultation with the subject matter Ministries and State Governments and a note has been circulated for the consideration of the Committee of the Secretaries. A final decision on the recommendations of the Commission has not been taken by the Government so far.

However, the Government is implementing a Price Support Scheme (PSS) for procurement of oilseeds and pulses through NAFED and a Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) for procurement of perishable agricultural and horticultural commodities not covered under PSS, in order to protect the growers from making distress sales.